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Students, faculty and Joplin-area residents look on as the Joplin High School ROTC prepares to raise the "Flag of Freedom," donated to the College anonymously, during the Sept. 11 memorial.

REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11

Southern's memorial honors heroes, victims

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

Students and faculty of Missouri Southern and Joplin-area residents made Sept. 11 "A Time to Remember."

The College's Sept. 11 Memorial Service began at 8 a.m. in Taylor Auditorium. Honored guests included firefighters and police officers from Carterville, Carl Junction, Webb City, Joplin and Jasper County. Members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Red Cross, Salvation Army and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce were also honored.

"This is a time of remembrance, of celebration of the American spirit," said College President Julio León.

Kelly Wilson, director of the Student Support Center, said Americans have ached and mourned but risen above the tragedy.

"What we gained that day was a sense of what it is to be an American again," she said.

Firefighters who died trying to save lives Sept. 11, 2001, were remembered with "the last alarm" during the firefighters bell ceremony. District Chief Jim Austin said firefighters across the nation have been deeply affected by the terrorist attacks, but they must move on and serve the country.

"Our methods may have changed, but our goals remain the same — to save lives and protect property," he said.

Two more area residents also spoke, giving testimony about their visits to Ground Zero in New York.

Captain Gary Laws of the Salvation Army said he was especially hurt by the attacks because he grew up in New York and has four children and 12 grandchildren there.

When he arrived at Ground Zero, Laws said he saw devastation like he had never seen before, but he also saw an abundance of dedication. He said the volunteers had "their eyes focused on New York, their hearts wishing America well."

"The American spirit is re-energized in times of crisis," Laws said.

Alma Knapp of the Red Cross in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, also visited Ground Zero.

"As I watched the buildings collapse, my heart went in my stomach, my stomach went in my throat," she said.

Almost immediately after watching the buildings collapse on television, Knapp started preparing to help with the Red Cross. She was stationed in New Jersey and served eight weeks assisting in training 3,000 people for disaster cleanup. Across the nation, 53,000 people volunteered for the Red Cross.

After serving her eight weeks, Knapp visited New York.

"It is devastating, even after cleanup, to see what those folks must have gone through after working there for so many years," she said.

After performances of "Let the River Run" by the Southern Exposure Choir and "United We Stand" by the Southern Concert Chorale, all attendees

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Students, faculty reflect on life changes after terrorist attacks

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

For many Americans from New York to California, Minnesota to Texas, Sept. 11, 2001, was a day that changed lives forever.

Due to the events of Sept. 11, Sept. 10 is now recognized as the end of an era in American history.

Missouri Southern students and faculty recently took time to reflect on what they were doing Sept. 10, 2001.

Courtney Martin, junior nursing major, went to her home in Purdy for a church meeting, where she spent the night.

"It was a good day," she said. "I was with my family, and I left school early to go early to eat with my parents."

Martin was coming back to the College early Sept. 11 when she heard of the events. She said she felt confused.

"When I heard what happened, I knew it would not be a normal day," Martin said.

"I'm more conscious of what's going on in the world since then. I find myself watching the news more often and trying to keep up on what's going on around me."

Sept. 10 was a routine day for Casey Highland, senior criminal justice major.

"I went to class, did my homework and went to bed," he said. "I just went through the motions.

"It was just like any other day."

Highland said he looks at Sept. 10, 2001, as a major turning point in America.

"If someone would have told me on Sept. 10 that the next day at 9 a.m., two planes were going to hit the World Trade Center, and that thousands of people were going to die, I would have been like, 'Yeah, whatever,'" he said. "What are the odds of that happening? We're the United States — we have the greatest intelligence in the world.

"Then the next day hit, and then here we are a year later, and we're still trying to figure stuff out."

Highland said Sept. 11 has made him take more caution in his actions. He took a trip to Ireland with the criminal justice department this summer, and had a frightening experience at the airport.

"I was in Newark (N.J.) and we had a six-hour delay before we took off," he said. "I was watching the news and

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SATURDAY
Rain
High: 83
Low: 63

SUNDAY
Cloudy
High: 79
Low: 60

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Spiva Library stalls charge on printing

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

Students at Missouri Southern are enjoying one thing that does not require money.

For now, that is.

The Spiva Library has eliminated charges for printing off library computers. The charge was levied for the 2001-02 school year to offset the costs of student printing.

College administration this year is underwriting the costs of paper and toner. The library is using this time as a test to see whether the charge was needed, and whether it needs to return.

Printing off library computers last year required the use of a prepaid copy card, sold in increments of $2 and $5. Students were charged 5 cents per copy.

The copy card system is still in place for the copy machines.

"I'm sure the students appreciate it," said Wendy McGrane, interim library director. "Hopefully, this [trial] will run the full academic year. I'm sure administration will look at the cost this spring when we look at next year's budget."

Students are pleased.

"When I first started here, [the copies] were free, and I guess we abused it and printed too much," said Lara Blankenship, junior art education major. "Last year, it was quite a switch when we had to pay 5 cents, so it's nice to have them free again."

Another student welcomes the change.

"I think it's probably a good idea, because students have enough expense being here, and tuition has increased," said Valerie Boswell, junior science major.

Library officials are hoping the system will stay in place for a while. There were many reports last year of copy cards being misread and the system not allowing students to utilize the last few cents on their cards.

"The reason we went to the payment system way back is because they were being abused," said Bob Black, reference librarian. "There were people out here who were printing, literally, 100 pages a day. We had to do something.

"We said, 'OK, if you want to print out the Internet, you can pay to print out the Internet.'"

Black said he hopes the trial will be permanent.

"If the users, the students, use it responsibly, then we won't need to go back to a payment system," he said.

Alumna returns to instruct nursing

BY JOSH RAY
Diversions Editor

While many students came back this fall to continue their education, one student came back to begin helping others continue their education.

Sheila Hart, nursing instructor, will be working this year as a full-time mental health instructor. Hart, who will be graduating from the University of Missouri as a mental health nurse practitioner in May, will be working on a one-year contract for the department of nursing. Hart said she is excited about coming back to Missouri Southern to teach.

"I've always liked working with young people," Hart said. "I love Missouri Southern."

Hart graduated from Southern with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and nursing and an associate's degree in nursing. She has spent the last few years as a stay-at-home mom and teaching abstinence classes to children for LifeChoices.

Dr. Dorothy Box, director of nursing, said the search committee was looking for a qualified person to fill the vacancy. The committee contacted Hart and asked her if she would apply. Box said Hart was a good fit for the job.

"She was the one qualified for that particular position," Box said. "It's wonderful to have someone who knows Southern and has a close attachment to Southern as she does."

Box also said Hart's qualifying characteristics include her ability as an educator, academic record and her work in the community.

"Everyone has recommended her," Box said.

Hart believes working at the College will be good for her.

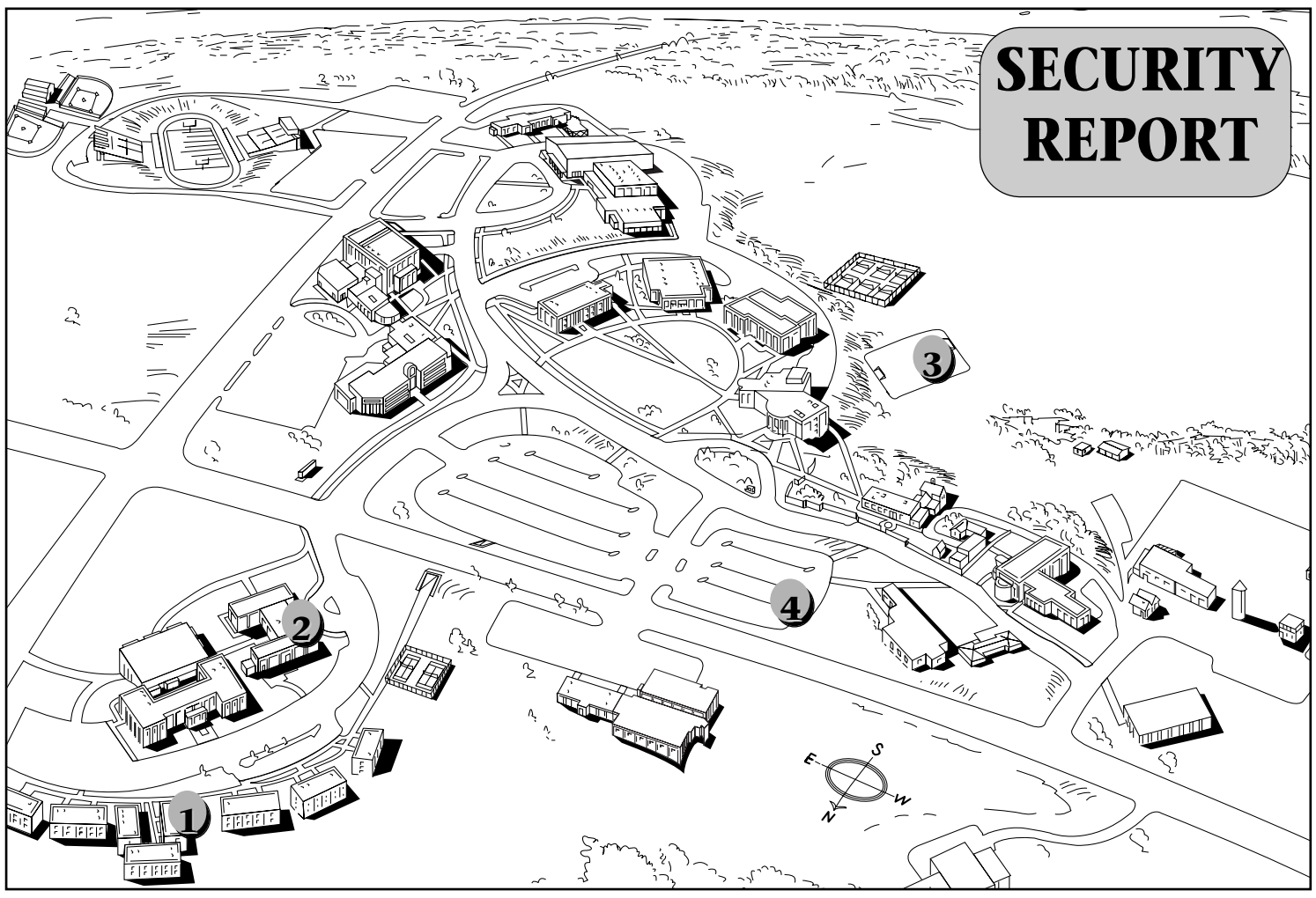
"It's nice to be in a school atmosphere while going to school," she said.

Hart's nursing experience includes working 12-and-a-half years at St. John's Regional Medical Center, a nursing manager at Newton County Health Department, and school, traveling and home health nursing. Hart is married and the mother of three children.

She said she never wants to leave the Joplin area, attributing this to the steadiness of everyday life.

"I don't think I'd move anywhere else," she said. "I like that it's slower paced than anywhere else around."

One of Hart's favorite things about working at Southern as an instructor, besides getting to work with students, is the fact she now works with some of her former instructors.



Baseball-bat visitors 'just playing around,' leave area

1 Suspicious Activity

9/3/2002

9:30 p.m.

Suspicious activity caused security to be called to Headlee Hall Sept. 3.

Dispatch advised that three subjects were walking around with baseball bats.

When asked what they were doing, the subjects replied, saying there was no problem. They also said that they were visiting and just playing around.

The subjects left the area.

2 Harassment

9/4/2002

9:30 p.m.

On Sept. 4 a student in McCormick Hall contacted security because of her irritated ex-boyfriend.

Apparently, the ex-boyfriend showed up at the student's employment while flourishing a weapon. The student said she would not be staying on campus that night, but would be attending classes the next day.

Security also offered to escort the student around campus during her classes for safety.

3 Personal Injury

9/5/2002

11:44 a.m.

Security was notified on Sept. 5 when a school employee was working on the soccer concession stand and injured himself.

Driving a steel-post into the ground, the employee over shot the post with the driver causing it to miss the post and hitting his thumb and ring finger.

Security transferred the person to Freeman Health System for medical treatment.

He received several stitches in his fingers.

4 Damaged Property

9/9/2002

1:55 p.m.

Security was dispatched to parking lot 31 for a property damage call. The student said he parked his 1994 Mercedes E320 wagon at the southwest corner of the lot.

Returning to the vehicle, he found a three-inch dent and scratch on the right rear passenger door of the vehicle.

No one was parked next to his vehicle when he returned.

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Accessweather.com Local Weather Report — Sept. 13, 2002

Joplin's 7-Day Forecast

Friday — Scattered Showers — High: 84 Low: 59
Saturday — Rain — High: 83 Low: 63
Sunday — Cloudy — High: 79 Low: 60
Monday — Partly Cloudy — High: 82 Low: 59
Tuesday — Partly Cloudy — High: 84 Low: 62
Wednesday — Partly Cloudy — High: 85 Low: 60
Thursday — Partly Cloudy — High: 84 Low: 61

Joplin's Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Monday	96	73	85/64	0.00"
Tuesday	97	70	85/63	0.00"
Wednesday	96	71	85/63	0.01"
Thursday	97	70	84/63	0.00"
Friday	96	73	84/62	0.00"
Saturday	97	68	84/62	0.00"
Sunday	92	69	83/62	0.00"

Precipitation for the week .....0.01"
Normal precipitation for the week .....1.20"
Departure from normal for the week ..-1.19"
Precipitation for the year .....34.89"
Normal precipitation year to date .....31.25"
Departure from normal for the year ..+3.64"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

Campus Recreational Forecast

An area of low pressure with an associated cold front will slide through the vicinity today and Saturday, producing a 40 to 50 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms along with breezy conditions. Scattered precipitation may carry over into Sunday. High pressure should take command of the weather across the area as we move into the beginning of next week. Partly cloudy skies will be the rule and this will be the best chance to schedule recreational activities. High temperatures will top out in the upper 70s and 80s. Lows will dip into the upper 50s and 60s.

Joplin's Sun/Moon Chart This Week

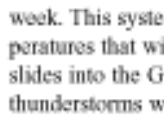
First 9/13 — Full 9/21 — Last 9/29 — New 10/6

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	6:57 a.m.	7:29 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	None
Sat	6:58 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	3:32 p.m.	12:10 a.m.
Sun	6:59 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	4:26 p.m.	1:03 a.m.
Mon	7:00 a.m.	7:24 p.m.	5:13 p.m.	2:01 a.m.
Tue	7:00 a.m.	7:23 p.m.	5:52 p.m.	3:01 a.m.
Wed	7:01 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	6:26 p.m.	4:02 a.m.
Thu	7:02 a.m.	7:19 p.m.	6:55 p.m.	5:02 a.m.

Weather History

Sept. 12, 1989 - Snow whitened the mountains and foothills of northeastern Colorado, with eight inches reported at Buckhorn Mountain, west of Fort Collins. Two to three inches fell around Denver, causing great havoc during the evening rush hour.

National Weather Summary This Week



An area of low pressure will generate a likely chance of showers and thunderstorms across the Gulf Coast states to end this week. A potent area of low pressure with an associated cold front will charge into the eastern United States this weekend. This system will produce a band of showers and thunderstorms, stretching from the Great Lakes states down to the Gulf Coast. An area of low pressure will plow into the Pacific Northwest as we begin next week. This system will generate a wide path of precipitation, breezy conditions and temperatures that will be below normal for this time of year. This system will intensify as it slides into the Great Plains by the middle of next week. A likely chance of showers and thunderstorms will occur along with a threat for severe weather.

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Weather Trivia

What is chionophobia?

Answer: Chionophobia is the fear of snow.

Tanning Index Today

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

UV Index Scale
0-2: Minimal Exposure
3-4: Low Exposure
5-6: Moderate Exposure
7-9: High Exposure
10+: Very High Exposure

Local Precipitation Log

Month	2002	2001	Normal
Jan	3.09	3.44	1.74
Feb	0.72	4.66	2.12
Mar	2.65	0.81	3.10
Apr	4.10	2.26	4.10
May	13.60	5.78	4.96
Jun	4.71	6.37	5.07
Jul	4.87	3.73	3.73
Aug	1.14	1.05	3.58
Sep	0.01	2.98	4.97
Oct	------	6.44	3.50
Nov	------	3.99	3.18
Dec	------	3.52	2.54
Total	**34.89**	**45.03**	**42.59**

All precipitation is in inches

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Vigil presents peaceful point of view

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

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Gary and Tegan Blackwood, Carthage, (left) and Jack and LeeAnn Souers, Golden City, pause for prayer during a peace vigil Sept. 10 in Carthage's Central Park. The organizers wanted to promote their opposition to America attacking Iraq.

Area residents and Missouri Southern students and faculty made a plea for peace Sept. 10 at Central Park in Carthage.

In response to President George W. Bush's suggestions of attacking Iraq, Beryl and Esther Kingsbury and Gary and Jean Blackwood, all of Carthage, decided to organize a peace vigil in opposition. The vigil also memorialized the Sept. 11, 2001, tragedy.

"This means we are opposed to the president's plan," said Beryl Kingsbury. "It's almost mania to attack Iraq."

The Kingsburys have been involved in peace movements before, including during Vietnam and in Shawnee, Okla., during the nuclear threat of the 1980s.

Esther Kingsbury attended the first nuclear freeze convention in St. Louis at that time.

In addition to readings by Jean Blackwood from the non-violence based group, Peaceful Tomorrow, Rev. Steve Wilson of Grace Episcopal Church in Carthage spoke at the vigil, as well as Dr. Thomas W. Simpson, associate professor of political science at Southern.

Wilson is against attacking Iraq and for seeking revenge against the Sept. 11 terrorists, but he said feeling this way is difficult because he knew people who died in New York and at the Pentagon.

"I came into this issue with some baggage," he said.

But ultimately, Wilson wants peace. He said the desire for revenge is natural, but it is never good. He believes Americans must listen to their hearts rather than anger.

"We have to seek the nobler and better hearts of ourselves," Wilson said. "We should be praying for peace we have not known with Iraq in over 10 years; peace we have not known in humankind for even one year."

Simpson agreed peace, not war, is the only answer to the United States' international problems.

"The blood taste of revenge is on our tongues, but we are bigger than that," he said.

Simpson said although Bush is an honorable man, he is not listening to the pleas of many Americans.

"We've been killing people in Iraq for years," Simpson said. "Does it not stop somewhere? It has to stop with Bush."

He said if Bush follows through on his plans to attack Iraq, it will destabilize the hard-won respect the United States has with nations in the Middle East.

"We've irritated the Arab world to the point we're going to lose them," Simpson said.

A few Southern students attended the vigil to support the cause for peace. Simpson said he was pleased with the turnout, but Debbie Frye, senior sociology major, wished attendance would have been better, even though the vigil was organized in a fairly conservative area.

She said students need to be better informed about the situation with Iraq.

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IN STRIDE

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Members of the Missouri Southern Marching Band stand in a tunnel formation. The band practices three times a week in preparation for home football games.

Southern offering class on terrorism

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

Like the rest of the world, Missouri Southern has gained a huge interest in international terrorism.

Richard Spencer, assistant professor of criminal justice, now teaches a class based on terrorism.

"One of the good things about this class is that there's just a tremendous number of resources out there now," he said.

Spencer said he uses the Internet, magazine and newspaper articles, and textbooks as instruction tools for International Terrorism.

Before this course, Spencer taught International Justice Systems. But after spending time with counter-terrorism units of law enforcement in Britain and Spain, he developed the idea for the International Terrorism course.

"I used to start out that class [International Justice Systems] by telling students some time in the very near future, there would be a significant act of terrorism on the United States," he said.

Now that he teaches International Terrorism, Spencer said some of the students who did not believe that statement before, now realize the threat the United States faces after Sept. 11, 2001.

The class has studied the definition of terrorism, myths and

TURN TO **CLASS**, PAGE 8

Student's uncle makes life-saving decision

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

Anxiously watching the devastating events of Sept. 11, 2001, was especially hard for Melissa Durie.

Like most students, Durie, a junior business major, was confused with all the chaos and commotion occurring on campus. With her accounting class canceled, she walked to her apartment across campus, asking her roommate if she had heard about the attacks.

Mark Kurtich
Senior Vice President
Los Angeles Times

"This was something you would hear about happening somewhere else," Durie said. "I had no idea what was going on."

Things were going to become even more troublesome for Durie as the day progressed.

When she called her mother, Durie learned her uncle was in the Washington, D.C., area planning to fly back to the West Coast that day.

At the time, no one knew if Mark Kurtich was OK.

"I felt sick," Durie said. "I didn't know what to think."

Durie's mother, Marilyn, tried everything she could to comfort her daughter over the telephone.

"Don't think of the worse," Marilyn said.

As the long agonizing hours dragged on, Durie continued watching the events unfold, knowing in the back of her mind her uncle might be one of the victims.

All she could do was wait.

Family members in Missouri, Connecticut and Los Angeles were all attempting to find out if Mark was on one of those planes. Later that night, the telephone rang in the Kurtich home in Los Angeles. His wife Debbie picked up the telephone.

It was Mark. He was fine.

"I couldn't believe it," said Debbie Kurtich, his wife of almost 30 years.

With everything OK, and family members all receiving the good news, Mark and Debbie took a deep breath.

At the time, only they knew how close the day's events almost became personal.

Mark, senior vice president of operations at The Los Angeles Times, was in Washington for the Newspaper Association of America conference. It's a conference he attends every year in January and September.

Nearly 100 percent of the time, if Mark has the opportunity to leave Washington early to fly home, he almost always does. Sept. 11, 2001, however, he decided to continue his plans and stick with the afternoon flight at 3 p.m.

The decision saved his life.

The early flight was United Airlines Flight 93, the hijacked airliner, which crashed in rural southwest Pennsylvania, killing all 45 people aboard.

"I knew that was the flight," Mark said. "But, I never felt like it was a close call."

A few miles away from the Pentagon, he could see smoke filtering into the skies above the nation's capital. He knew he had to do something, but didn't know what that right thing was.

"I was torn between the agony of the attacks and attempting to try and assist the paper," he said. "I wanted to help."

With his afternoon flight canceled, and a lengthy shut-down at the airports, Kurtich and three other colleagues felt it would be best to rent a vehicle and drive home. They took off within a few hours of the attacks.

The trip was long nearly 49 hours of straight driving. They stayed informed by the radio, switching drivers every four hours.

> *"Before this happened, there was always the distance. But now we talk a lot more and try to keep in touch."*
>
> **Melissa Durie**
> *Junior Business Major*

"I was pretty focused on getting home," he said.

Waiting in Los Angeles was Debbie.

"It felt really good to see my wife," he said.

Physically and mentally drained, Mark went straight to bed.

The couple, although stunned by the attacks, took the events in stride.

"I felt really lucky," Debbie said. "It wasn't his time."

Looking back at the past year, the couple knows they have to move on.

As much as Kurtich travels, it's something they have to do.

"We can't think about it anymore," she said.

Durie doesn't talk much about how close her uncle came to being affected by last year's events. It brings back bad memories for her.

She does know, however, that if anything, the events had one promising effect for the relationship she shares with her aunt and uncle.

"Before this happened, there was always the distance," Durie said. "But now we talk a lot more and try to keep in touch."

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Dance Club to begin choreograph lessons

The Tanglefooters Dance Club begins its fall/winter dance lessons Monday.

Taught by Jerry and Dot Yockey, the lessons are from 7-8:30 p.m. on Mondays at the Joplin Senior Citizen Center located on 22nd and Jackson streets.

The lessons continue through spring 2003. New dancers may join the Tanglefooters Dance Club if they desire.

Couples of all ages are welcome. Singles are asked to bring a partner. The first lesson is free and $5 per lesson thereafter. Dress is casual.

No previous dance training is necessary. All dancers will learn choreographed routines set to arrangements of music, with all couples doing the same steps at the same time.

The first dances to be taught are the cha-cha, two-step and waltz. Later, other dances such as the rumba, fox-trot and swing will be introduced. Dancers are led through the moves by verbal prompting.

Persons interested may contact Dr. Dale Simpson at 782-3733, or Charles Mock at 782-7196.

NBS to hold its first meeting Friday

The National Broadcasting Society has its first meeting from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. today in the KGCS studio, Webster Hall, Room 159.

All students interested in exploring the world of broadcasting are invited to attend and join the society.

Free pizza will be offered at the meeting.

Interested persons may contact Judy Stiles at 625-9777, or Brian Harter at 623-3532.

Youth symphony to hold September performance

The Youth Symphony Orchestra of The Shanghai Conservatory of Music will perform a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Taylor Auditorium.

The orchestra consists of the top students and faculty members of the music school in China. The orchestra was founded in 1992.

Its concert tour of the United States this year includes performances at Disneyland in Los Angeles, Memphis and St. Louis, as well as Joplin.

In addition to a program of traditional and modern Chinese works played on Chinese and western musical instruments, the orchestra will perform the first Chinese violin concerto, "The Liang & Zhu (Butterfly Lovers) Violin Concerto." It is based on a traditional Chinese story, which is similar to "Romeo and Juliet."

Dr. Kexi Liu, assistant professor of music, will be the guest soloist.

For more details, persons may contact Liu at 625-9681.

Learning Center offering personalized tutorials

The Learning Center is offering free, personalized help with writing assignments.

A tutor can help students in need to interpret the nature of assignments, generate ideas and develop plans for papers, respond to students' drafts and suggest revisions, teach research strategies and documentation formats, and explain correct grammar, mechanics and editing strategies.

Thirty different tutoring times are available to choose from each week. Students interested can stop by the Learning Center and sign up for each tutoring session they plan to attend.

The Learning Center is located in the Mansion Annex. The number is 625-9373.

Editor's Column

Patriotism cooling as more time passes

Michelle Conty
Opinion/Copy Editor

What a shame we as a nation have not repented and changed our ways since Sept. 11, 2001. We are right back to the egomaniac, me, me, me society we were on Sept. 10, 2001. For a while we changed our attitudes. We backed our country, supported our president and hung up American flags. However, one year later, the flags have drooped and faded, we have returned to our gossip columns and made-for-TV movies. Paparazzi are chasing the president's daughters around waiting for them to fall off the wagon, again. Instead of being one people, Americans, we have resorted back to labels that focus on our differences. I don't envy our president's position. If I had been sitting in his seat when the nation was attacked, it would have taken all the MPs in the Army to hold me back from pressing the big red button and turning the Middle East into a crater formerly known as the Middle East.

I miss the days when we were united. When we put aside our petty differences and raised up as one people to support those among us who where hurting. The nation as a whole shook its fist at those who brought such horror and devastation to our shores. I am afraid most people are not keeping up with the news. The average Joe Six-Pack has no idea what is happening in the Middle East. This scares me. It is important to keep an eye on such a volatile area, especially since it has nuclear weapons and no fear of personal injury or death. I am not saying our lives should revolve around the 9-11 tragedy, or that we should be so focused on Iran and Iraq that we ignore our own lives. Yes, we should heal from this and resume our lives. But, we cannot allow ourselves to forget what happened. Now that the sensationalism has worn off, we can't sweep the issue under the rug saying "let the politicians handle it." It is the responsibility and privilege of every American to pay attention to what's happening in the Middle East.

This is a necessity in order to preserve the freedom we enjoy in this country. If we turn into a people content to let others do the thinking for us, we will lose our freedom and all this country stands for.

Healing from such a tragedy is comparable to a Vietnam veteran returning home in a wheelchair having lost a limb, not like a 7-year-old child falling off a bicycle and skinning a knee.

We are a nation that should be feared, not mocked, especially by a pompous coward like Bin Laden and the Al Queda terrorist organization.

What I don't understand is that if Bin Laden's religion says he will get 77 virgins if he dies in defense of his religion, why isn't this man the first on the battlefield? Instead, he sits in hiding sending other people's children to die.

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Country returns to 'normal'

Chart Opinion

It's hard to believe an entire year has passed since Sept. 11, 2001. We have moved on, yet our lives are completely changed.

We can no longer think of our nation as a safe haven from terrorist attacks.

This country learned all too well that no matter how powerful it is, anyone is susceptible to the effects of anger and hatred.

The sleeping giant was awakened by the little guys who despised our way of life. Before Sept. 11 of last year, we lived like we were invincible. Pop culture defined this nation. But, we discovered freedom and unity mattered much more than MTV and Pepsi ads.

Strangely, though, everyone was encouraged to go back to living the way we did before Sept. 11. Spend money, help the economy, be happy, love our capitalistic lives.

And we shouldn't change completely. The United States seems to be prospering pretty well, just the way it is.

We should never forget, however, that hate for our society is why the attacks occurred. But rather than returning hate and creating more injustice, we should try to understand the differences throughout all the nations, races and religions. After all, diversity makes the world go round.

Breeding tolerance will make the healing process easier and faster.

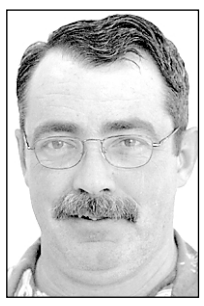
We can also never again take our freedoms for granted. Liberties are what make the United States great, and now we can fully appreciate this greatness.

Campus Voice

How has your life changed since Sept. 11?

"It has definitely increased my sense of patriotism."

Sarah Seibert
Senior
Middle School Education major



"It makes me more vigilant for my country."

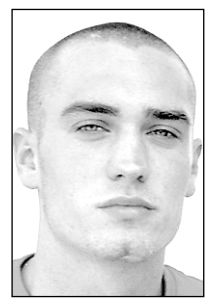
David Gilbert
Sophomore
English major

"I'm sorry to say, it has made me more suspicious."

Mike Pittman
Freshman
Psychology major

"I realized it is difficult for the world to get along and be peaceful. But we have to try."

Kiyomi Hayashi
Senior
Economics major



"I've become critical of our government's opportunistic reactions and negligence to consider true solutions."

Graham Aid
Senior
International Business major

If you have something you would like to say, and are willing to let the campus read all about it, write a letter to the editor. *The Chart* welcomes and encourages letters!

In Perspective

Managing conflict in a positive manner — precious commodity

Dr. Philip Wise
Music Dept. Head

With the unprecedented changes occurring in colleges, students and educators have more than their fair share of conflict. Working with professors, peers, students and colleagues often produces a relational tug-of-war.

Managing conflict in a positive manner is a precious commodity, but learning how to *preclude* conflict is an absolute necessity. The educational kettle contains myriads of people with various backgrounds, perspectives and interests. Turn up the heat and stir the kettle, and a college campus can become a relational jungle.

The only way to keep conflict from ever occurring is to *control* all of the people and events in your life — an obvious impossibility! You cannot regulate the responses of others and entirely eliminate conflict, but you can implement some personal attitudes and behaviors that help reduce the frequency.

Confront tension early. Go with your intuition. If you sense tension developing, it is not a figment of your imagination. This is the best time to simply say, "I think we need some clarification," and *confront* the issue at hand. Confrontation may be difficult for those whose personality favors avoidance, and although playing ostrich allows you to bury your head, it also exposes other vulnerable body parts.

Attack problems not people. Everyone works best together when obstacles are approached as issues to be solved, rather than enemies to be defeated. When opinions are attacked and characters maligned, personal resentments act as a major obstacle to reaching solutions. By attacking issues instead of people, threats are reduced and destructive conflict can be precluded.

Do what you expect of others. If you expect others to be kind, considerate, honest, open and true to their word, then you must do likewise. Have you noticed that we rarely hold ourselves accountable to the same standard we demand of others? Living by the Golden Rule will go a long way in precluding conflict. Character is based more on what we *do* than what we *say*.

Communication begins with listening, not talking. Once others feel understood, they will be more open to your ideas. Listening is an art form, and involves hearing both the *content* and *feelings* of the speaker. Because good listening skills are usually not taught or modeled, it will take practice and effort.

Build the trust factor. When trust is high, conflict is low. Relationships exhibiting high trust last longer, accomplish more, and are personally satisfying. It is often the seemingly small things that build trust, such as keeping your word, remembering to introduce a guest, and acknowledging the contributions of others.

There will always be antagonists. It doesn't matter where you are or what you do, dragons will appear. Their names and faces change, but the destruction they can cause remains the same. *You cannot slay dragons, but you can tame them.*

Portions of Dr. Wise's writing were previously published in Learning *magazine.*

Students share different views about attacks

Opinions similar on security issues

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

Americans have their own feelings about what happened on Sept. 11, but do people from other countries feel differently about the terrorist attacks on U.S. soil?

Jacob Szczipanski, junior economics major, came to Missouri Southern this semester from Germany.

He said he watched the 9-11 events on television, and somehow, what he saw hurt.

"It showed us that nobody can be secure in the world — even the United States," Szczipanski said.

The news of the attacks was the most important news around the world for weeks, he said. Szczipanski doesn't see the terrorist attacks as only a U.S. crisis.

"I see it as a problem for the whole world," he said. "Now it was the United States, maybe next year it's Germany. I don't know."

Germany has also seen its share of tragedies, which compare to the losses felt on 9-11, Szczipanski said, referring to World Wars I and II.

Anh-Dien Nguyen, freshman undecided major, is from Vietnam and first saw the news of the attacks while at school.

"I was shocked," he said. "'How could someone do such a thing?' That was the first thought that came through my mind."

Nguyen thinks the United States is justified in the way the country has responded to the attacks.

"No one should get away with [such] an awful thing," he said.

The effects of 9-11 have been widespread. International students agree security in their countries' airports has been strengthened.

Yukiko Sano, senior political science major, said she noticed more security at the American Embassy in Japan when she went for her visa.

After 9-11, Sano said her family was afraid for her and didn't want her to come to the United States. Sano came anyway even though some of her friends, who had planned to come before the attacks, decided to stay in Japan.

Sano said the events on 9-11 were "scary" because she didn't want either the United States or Japan to be dragged into a war.

She doesn't think this country should be attacking Afghanistan, but that it should let the United Nations handle the situation.

Sano feels sorry about what happened in New York, but thinks the U.S. news media over dramatized the 9-11 events.

It seemed like "propaganda," she said, because it was on every channel for such a long time.

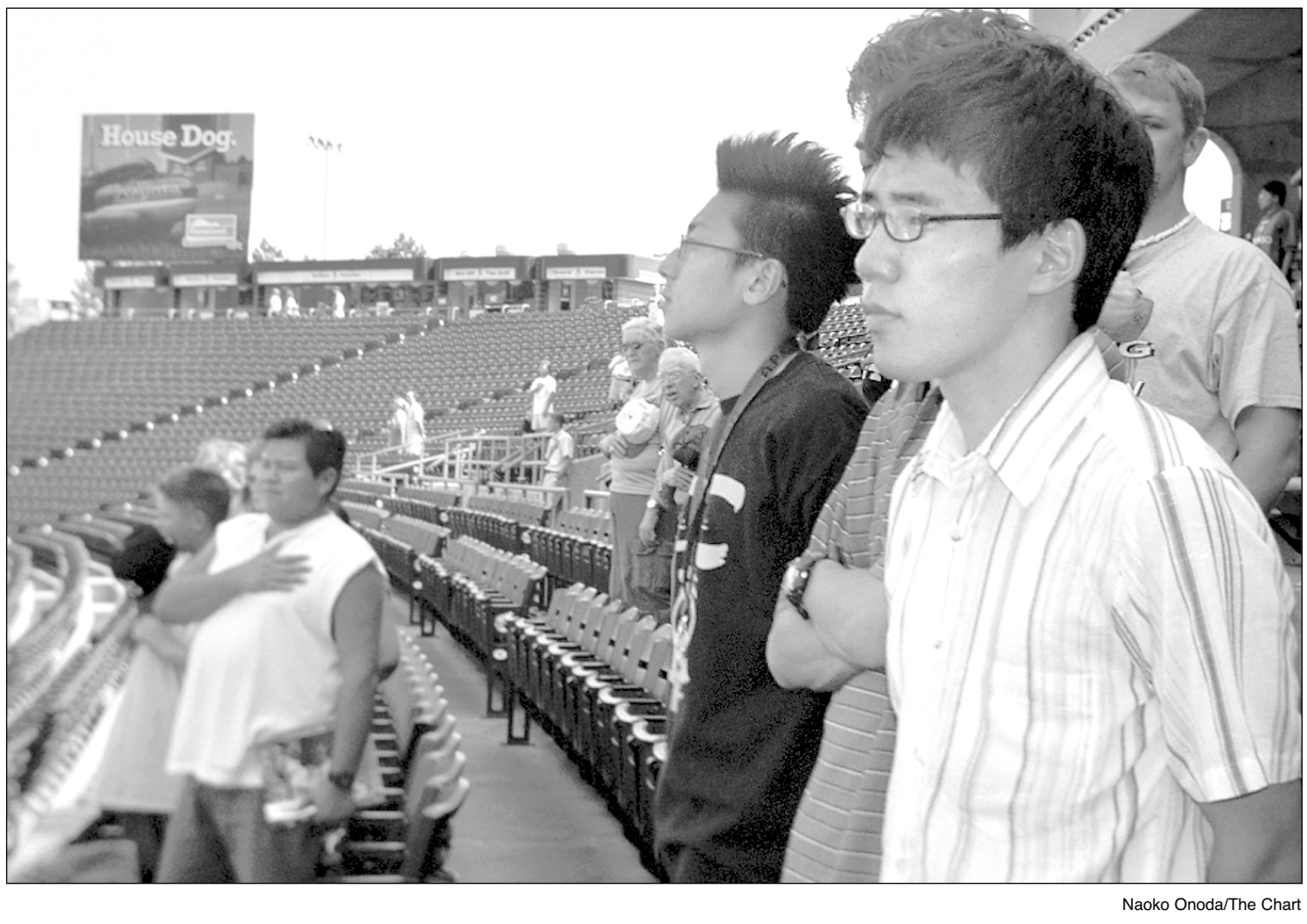
Anthony Hoang, freshman pre-pharmaceutical major, is from Korea and said he also saw a change since 9-11.

"It makes you think that you can't trust people as much as we used to," he said.

Tuan Nguyen, freshman undecided major, said he felt sympathy for those who died in the twin towers and the airplanes.

"I was shocked when I first heard of it on the news," he said.

Tuan is also from Vietnam and doesn't believe the United States overreacted after the attacks. "Justice had to be served," Tuan said.



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International students from Missouri Southern stand for the national anthem during a Kansas City Royals baseball game.

Special to The Chart.

Tourists shop in the streets of Havana, Cuba, at a craft market. Tourism is one of Cuba's main industries.

Alumni, faculty prepare for Cuba

BY NATE BILLINGS
Staff Writer

The alumni association is taking its first overseas trip during the Christmas holiday. Thirty friends and former students of Missouri Southern will travel to Cuba.

The U.S. government only allows people to go to Cuba for certain reasons. Colleges and universities may acquire a special license to travel to Cuba. Southern has such a license.

The idea for the trip came from an earlier trip to Cuba, said Dr. Larry Cebula, professor of history. The social science department took 14 students to Cuba during spring break 2002.

The professors fell in love with the country and wanted to find an excuse to go back, said Dr. David Locher, associate professor of sociology.

After returning stateside, the professors found a way to go back to Cuba. They decided to ask the alumni association if a trip to Cuba would be possible. At the time, the association was planning on a trip, but did not have a destination yet, said Lee Pound, alumni director.

The idea was approved by the alumni board and taken to College President Julio León for approval.

To prepare the participants, Cebula and Locher are hosting two "classes" to provide the alumni with more knowledge on what to bring and do for the trip. Those who cannot attend the meetings will receive a videotape and notes.

"A trip of this magnitude is very time consuming, but because of the educational benefits, it is well worth it," Pound said.

Cebula and Locher would like to clear up some misconceptions about Cuba.

"The people are very happy there," Cebula said. "Tourism is their major source of income."

"Anyone under the age of 43 doesn't know any better," Locher said. "They don't realize the lack of personal freedom they have. What bothers them most is the lack of economical freedom."

Another misconception Cebula would like to clear up is that tourists are legally allowed to bring back $100 worth of Cuban cigars.

There is enough room for 10 more people to attend. The cost will be around $2,500 per person. This includes transportation from Miami, Fla., and room and board.

Persons interested may contact Pound at 625-9355.

Small island receives Southern instruction

School of business helps Tortola students earn four-year degrees

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

This summer, Missouri Southern started a program to help business students from the island of Tortola receive their bachelor's degrees.

Spreading its influence into the Caribbean, Southern now has 39 students enrolled in business classes on the 20-square-mile island.

Emma Baker, registrar at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College in Tortola, is a longtime friend of Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services, and asked him about providing a business degree for some of HLSCC's graduates.

Skaggs contacted Jim Gray, dean of the school of business, and Dr. Larry Martin, vice president for academic affairs, to discuss the possibility.

More than a year later, and after much negotiations with HLSCC, Southern started the program overseas, which allows graduates of HLSCC to continue their education and earn a business degree from Southern.

Aside from a few startup hardships and the distance problem, Martin said the program seems to be going well.

"So far, we've been very pleased," he said.

Last summer, instructors in the school of business taught at HLSCC a few weeks at a time, offering students two to three different courses.

Martin said the goal of the program is for students with associate's degrees to complete 60-64 hours during a three-year period to complete the bachelor's degree requirements.

Skaggs said all the students are non-traditional, and most are middle managers at financial institutions on the island. Tourism and banking are the main sources of income for Tortola, he said.

These students are looking for advancement in their companies they can't get with only an associate's degree.

Students spend the summer learning from Southern faculty, and the spring and fall semesters learning from either HLSCC faculty approved as adjuncts by Southern or from Internet courses.

Students pay Southern's out-of-state tuition fee, and in return, Southern pays HLSCC a stipend for the use of its facility.

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>
> **Derek Skaggs**
> *Director of Enrollment Services*

The program easily pays for itself, Martin said, even with the expense of paying for the instructors to go to Tortola.

"It's a beautiful place to go and visit," Skaggs said. "The people there are very warm."

HLSCC is small, he said, but he was impressed with the professionalism of the staff.

Martin expects relations between Southern and the British Virgin Islands to strengthen and said there may eventually be internship opportunities available for Southern students who want to visit Tortola.

German major travels abroad to indulge foreign internship

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

The only thing required to take an internship abroad is the willingness to make mistakes and leave one's comfort zone behind, said Adam Taylor, junior German major.

Taylor recently left for a six-month internship in Germany.

Dr. Sabine Cramer, associate professor of communications, approached Taylor about participating in the second half of an exchange program organized by Missouri Southern and the University of Applied Sciences in Ansbach, Germany.

Cramer said Taylor will be enrolled at the German university, but will actually work an internship at the Bosch Corporation instead of attending classes.

In the 2001-2002 school year, two German students came to Southern as the first half of the exchange. Taylor said he was thrilled about participating in the second half.

"This is an opportunity for personal growth, for possible career advancement, for padding my resumé ... and for connecting to another culture in a deep and profound way," he said.

Taylor will work 35 hours a week at Bosch translating English documents, answering telephones and other intern jobs.

"The main reason is to improve his German," Cramer said.

In summer 2001, Taylor visited Germany and participated in a month-long German course hosted by the university in Ansbach and taught by Southern faculty.

"I know firsthand that I gained more mastery over the language during my month-long immersion than in my whole first year of German classes," he said.

"There simply is no substitute for immersion learning."

Exchange Program

Southern had two German exchange students in the 2001 & 2002 school year.

Also majoring in English with a minor in philosophy, Taylor is a member of the National English Honors Society, president of the Philosophy Club and a member of the German Club.

"He's a student who's very eager to learn and think," Cramer said.

Taylor received a grant from the Institute of International Studies to help cover expenses.

The salary from his internship will help with living costs. The university in Ansbach has already agreed to provide him with a place to stay. Taylor emphasized if he could obtain this opportunity, any student could.

"I think when a person is willing and able to open themselves to new experiences, only good things can ultimately result," he said.

Natural High Week

Week helps show students safe fun

By Josh Ray
Diversions Editor

With the fourth week of classes comes the first round of tests and the ultimate stress reliever, Natural High Week.

Starting off with a jaws of life and ambulance demo, activities throughout the week consisted of everything from free massages to club night. Activities were geared toward helping students take a healthy break from busy classroom lives.

"We just try to provide a fun environment where students can come and relieve stress and have fun," said Holley Goodnight, coordinator of new student programs.

While they acted as entertainment for students, the week's events were also geared toward helping educate students on such things as drugs, alcohol and STDs. Sgt Kent C. Casey, public information and education officer, ran the rollover demo this year. He said he enjoys coming to the campus to talk to students.

"I just wanted to have the opportunity to come and have a good time and help them make a healthy decision," Casey said. "I think it's wonderful. It's just an awareness time."

One of the main events that took place during Natural High Week was the Sept. 11 Memorial Ceremony. Erika Cassi, sophomore elementary major, thought it was a good idea for the week.

"I thought it was cool that it coincided with Sept. 11," Cassi said. "It reinforces the idea that they are trying to get to students across campus."

Goodnight said the groups sponsoring the week tried to mix up the week with many different activities, including some they did not have last year.

Two larger events of the week included Club Night and the Comedy City performance, as well as the free nutrition luncheon on Friday. The luncheon helped emphasize the "healthy lifestyle" the week supports.

Cassi said her favorite parts of the week were the free massages and the fatal vision demo. She thought the week accomplished its mission.

"They provided a new learning environment to understand everyday things that students should know about," Cassi said.

Jessica Firor/The Chart

From left, Joe Mulia, Sara Chairez, Jason Nordstrom and Kimberlee Alcorn try to relieve their stress by blowing bubbles during Natural High Week. Several activities were set up in Billingsly for students to enjoy.

Students sing better than stars

In the wake of Sept. 11, Americans were assaulted from all forms of media in an attempt to garner sentiment, play with emotions, or draw support for the country. Some of these attempts came from the music industry, where numerous big-name artists put out songs written directly for the attacks on the United States. You might have heard these songs being played on the radio, or just heard about the controversy surrounding some of them. Either way, they were there, and a year after, I think it is time to look back on those songs and see what they really consisted of.

In Review

Josh Ray
Diversions Editor

A good portion of the songs being tied in with Sept. 11 sentiments are country songs — maybe because country seems to be the genre of music that conveys those emotions so well, or maybe it is because the country artists jumped at the first chance to make a few extra bucks.

It doesn't matter though, does it? What matters is the songs are there and in the public's ear. So let's sit down for a minute and talk about just a few of those songs which came out. First of all, we'll start with Alan Jackson's "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)?" I had trouble actually figuring out if this song was talking about the attacks, or just about love in general. He really took all those heartfelt emotions (pain, love, patriotism, anger) and wiped them all out, leaving the only thing a country song ever seems to need to be successful — love. I guess if you like listening to songs like that (if you like country, in other words), it is an OK song. But I still don't like it.

Along with Jackson's song, Toby Keith also came out with one, and a seemingly very popular one. He titled his, "Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue," but I think the song should have been "I'm a Hick Through and Through." The whole song is basically talking about that good Southern way of living. And how is that? Well, if something/someone pisses you off, just put a boot in their ass, right? Yeah, well, basically, this song gives the type of "America is the greatest! We're untouchable! Screw with us and you'll regret it!" crap that got us into that situation in the first place. So personally, this song can just be continued to played down South where people can go around believing that stuff. For God's sake though, please keep it away from the civilized people. The song is stupid and exceptionally childish. It isn't even worthy of any courtesy from the red, white, and blue, OK? But, people supported it by buying the album. It just goes to show how low we've sunk in these times.

Anyway, on to different, much better and worthier songs. To help cool the angers and dry the tears of all Americans, Ray Stevens did what he does best. He made people laugh. Yes, this is also a childish song, but it's childish in the fact that it's supposed to be funny and just poke fun at the situation, unlike Keith's song, which was serious (in an ignorant sort of way).

Stevens released "Osama Yo' Mama" after the attacks to help get people's minds off of the losses they had suffered. In our time of need, instead of fueling the anger and pride people felt in a stupid sort of way (like the previous artist in this review did), Stevens gave us a reason to smile. They say laughter is the best medicine, and if anyone can give it in large doses, it's Ray Stevens.

With numerous singers coming out with songs in light of the tragedy, one has to wonder their true motives. Granted, some of them probably just needed to write stuff down and get it out, but how many actually did it for the good of America and not for the good of their pocket-books? I found one group that did.

They're not known nationally, and they get no radio play whatsoever, but the song they wrote, recorded and put out after the incident captures the true American in a way no professional was able to do.They are Mr. Hansen's fifth-grade class at Easterbrook Elementary School. Their song is simply titled "9-11." Like the title, the song is simple, but it cuts right through the chase. The kids' voices are completely off-key, but their hearts are more in place than anyone else's. Plus, it was wonderful to hear a song by the actual future of America, rather than some money-grabbing rednecks. Truly, this is the best post-9-11 song, which could possibly have come out. You can find this song at http://bobreidmusic.com/911.htm.

Trust me, it's a much better deal to buy this CD than to support Keith's pursuit for some new cowboy boots or steer to chase down and wrestle, whichever he prefers. Personally, I think he should use the money to just retire and quit singing altogether, but whatever.

Scholar helps students find path of peace in their lives

By Josh Ray
Diversions Editor

Following the flag dedication ceremony on Wednesday, the audience gathered in Webster Hall Auditorium received an education on the life of Mahatma Gandhi.

Srimata Kamala, director of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Center, spoke about how Gandhi made peace a possibility in India years ago. While she did not go into much detail on his past, Kamala taught the nearly full room about how they, as individuals and human beings, could achieve peace. She said Gandhi was a normal person and peace started within one's own mind.

"Gandhi was no politician," Kamala said. "Gandhi would have us know ourself."

The crowd listened quietly as she went over some of the basic steps for keeping peace in individuals' lives. Being on time, she said, was one of the many ways to achieve that point.

For some of the students attending the seminar, Kamala left them wanting more. Melissa Durie, junior business management major, said she enjoyed the Gandhian Initiative, but she expected something else from it.

"I thought it was interesting," Durie said. "It wasn't what I thought it was going to be."

She said she was hoping Kamala would expand and talk more about the country of India rather than one aspect of it. Durie said the information presented could have been "more about India's culture as a whole."

For other students, the seminar offered new ideas and possibilities. Marcella Yates, sophomore secondary education major, said she enjoyed the speech and thought Kamala proposed some interesting topics. She enjoyed the way Kamala gave examples of Gandhi's peace attempts.

"I thought it was neat how she didn't just give facts about the life of Gandhi," Yates said. "She kind of changed it up by telling about some of the things he actually did for his people."

One thing Kamala emphasized throughout the seminar was how Gandhi's actions were close to Jesus Christ's way of teaching. She also talked about how intelligent and close to his followers Gandhi was by talking about how Gandhi would actually learn many of the languages in India to teach to his followers.

"He wanted people to be educated in their own language," Kamala said.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Srimata Kamala plays her sitar for a classroom of Music Appreciation students after her seminar on the importance of peace. She has been playing the Indian instrument for 30 years.

Sgt. Kent C. Casey gives a rollover demo during Natural High Week. Read the story for information on the week.

Chilling book gives insight on terrorism

It's not often that something I read makes an impact on me, good or bad, but there's one book that scared the bejesus out of me.

Who Becomes a Terrorist and Why: The 1999 Government Report on Profiling Terrorists is a truly disturbing book to read.

As the title indicates, the book was written in 1999, before the general public of the United States knew anything about Osama bin Laden, al-Qaida or hijacked airplanes being crashed into the World Trade Center.

When the book was first released, I would guess it received little, if any, major publicity. However, if one reads the book now, the information presented is more than enough to chill to the bone.

In the first pages, the author, Rex A. Hudson, clearly states, "Al-Qaida poses the most serious terrorist threat to U.S. security interests, for al-Qaida's well-trained terrorists are actively engaged in a terrorist jihad against U.S. interests worldwide."

Keep in mind this was written in 1999. That's TWO full years before the attacks of Sept. 11.

If that doesn't disturb you quite enough, then ponder this for a moment.

The book also contains detailed profiles of all the major terrorist threats to the United States, who their major leaders are, and it even gives background information on all the leaders, when possible.

JEFF REID
Executive Editor

For example, bin Laden was the 17th of more than 50 children. After finishing school, he went on to study management and economics at King Abdul Aziz University. Now, I know, this isn't really all that interesting, but if you keep reading his profile, Hudson eventually begins to talk about, as of 1999, where bin Laden was located, what his weapons capabilities were, his communications setup, just an unbelievable amount of information — and all of it compiled from public information the government released. Who knows how much more information they had that wasn't released?

Hopefully, you now see why this book scared me so much.

All the information was right there in front of not only the public, but the friggin' government! Yet all of it was ignored until it was too late. And now that I think about it, the book not only scares me, it makes me sick.

I definitely would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in learning more about terrorists and their mindsets.

However, this book is not an easy read. If you do read it, and everyone should, keep this in mind.

Later in the book, when the author gets into the psychological aspect of terrorism and cults, there is truly much one can learn about what things are like for the other side. In fact, the quote at the beginning of the book sums it up best:

"While nothing is easier than to denounce the evildoer, nothing is more difficult than to understand him." — Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky

Down The Road

New play ready to open in Southern's theatre

BY ERIC SCOTT
Staff Writer

Missouri Southern's theatre department kicks off the year with the production of *Down The Road* by Lee Blessing.

The play is about a married couple hired to write a book about a man who turns out to be a serial killer. As they start to write the book, they question their ethics and morals. When the couple learns more about the man, they feel guilty about accepting the job of writing about him. Images of the man's mind are portrayed as he starts to become a serial killer. The play is directed by senior Kris Stoker and features student actors Stephanie Belt, Jason Engstrom and Isaac Wade.

Stoker said the play is not typical. He said it combines the traditional theater style of storytelling film style. Many things Stoker is doing are new to the theater world. The show is rated mature because of some graphic images via projection. Stoker said the play is not recommended for children.

"Students should expect a good night of theatre," Stoker said. "We are planning to do a few things that we've never done before with the projections we plan to use. The audience will be close to the stage as well, so it should be an interesting time for them."

Some students are anxious to see the play.

"I think the play is very well written, and I am excited to experience the Missouri Southern production," said Robin Arnall, freshman theatre major.

"I think *Down The Road* will be terrific, and I can't wait to see it," said Amy Ward, freshman marketing major. "I look forward to a good night of theater."

For ticket information, persons may contact the Southern theatre box office at 635-3190 between 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on weekdays. Tickets are $3 for adults and $1 for senior citizens and high school students. The play opens Tuesday and continues through Saturday, Sept. 21. Performances begin each night at 7:30 p.m. in the Bud Walton Theatre.

"We're hoping the show will be successful," Stoker said. "I think it will be a success, because I think the younger audience will appreciate it. With the visual effects and everything, it's kind of out there as far as plays go."

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

From left, Jason Engstrom, Stephanie Belt and Isaac Wade perform in Down The Road, which is directed by Kris Stoker.

CAB has decided 'very little' since start of school

BY JACOB WEST
Staff Writer

On Sept. 9, the Campus Activities Board held its weekly meeting in the Billingsly Student Center, Room 310.

There were several issues brought up at this meeting which had been previously discussed on Aug. 28.

Since the time for meetings is at noon, several students want to see lunch provided, because it had been done before. The decision to have two lunches every month was discussed due to a number of students eating and not everyone being involved.

There was a proposal made by Dr. Kexi Liu, assistant professor of music and director of the Suzuki Violin Academy. Liu is wanting to bring a group of approximately 35 youth from Shanghai Conservatory of Music in China to Southern to provide a free concert for students, faculty and the community. The concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 in Taylor Auditorium. Liu came to the CAB asking for funding to provide for the students' expenses. The total cost would be anywhere from $1,600-$1,800 for all the travel and other needs of the students. Local families will pick up room and board for the students who will be traveling from St. Louis.

"This will be a great opportunity for everyone," Liu said.

Some stops prior to the College include Los Angeles, Memphis and St. Louis.

Another issue which had been discussed was about the "second week" for fall semester, which is Natural High Week scheduled for Sept. 9-13. These activities are sponsored by CAB, Residence Life, Campus Recreation and Wellness, and the Student Support Center. Some activities included Info Booths/Stress Buster Area, Memorial Ceremony for 9-11, free massages in the coffee shop and Lions Den, and a Comedy City and Club Night in the BSC.

In other business, a report from the concert committee was given by David Kennedy, committee chair. Kennedy proposed a few ideas for some concerts to be brought to the College. There were discussions about where the concerts should be held and when; two dates in October, the 15th and 17th, were discussed. Other than concerts, a rap night/comedy night and an acoustic night/coffee house night were some other entertainment students may look forward to.

Other committees include Novelty, Lectures, Trips, Family Events and Publicity and Promotion. However, no reports were given from these committees. Adele Thompson, junior executive for Web master/PR and Publicity, announced her resignation at the meeting. Thompson will be serving on the Student Senate as one of eight junior class representatives.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, said she understands where Thompson is coming from, and wants to turn the focus on programming for the CAB.

Blackford said almost a month of school has gone by already, and CAB has, "done very little."

Due to some uneasiness from students in CAB, Blackford is encouraging any student willing to participate in CAB to attend meetings every Monday at noon.

Lunch will be provided two times a month. The next CAB meeting is at noon, Monday in the BSC, Room 306.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Josh Ray at 625-9311.

13 *Barbershop* and *Stealing Harvard* open at Joplin's Northstar 14 Theatre.

The Wesley Foundation is going fishing @ 6 p.m. on Lake Wesley. Call 782-5702 for details.

Mens soccer play @ 7 p.m. at home vs. Indianapolis.

Lady Lions volleyball play @ 7 p.m. at Truman.

14 Lions football play @ 7 p.m. at NE State.

Cross country competes in the UA invitational meet.

Womens soccer play at Nebraska-Omaha Invitational.

16 ODK will meet @ 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Billingsly Room 313.

17 The International Film *Our Daily Bread* will be showing @ 7:30 p.m. in Walton Theatre. Cost is $1 to students.

LDSSA will meet @ noon in Billingsly Room 306.

Southern Theatre presents the opening day of *Down the Road* @ 7:30 p.m. The show runs through Sept. 21.

18 The first Student Senate meeting will be held @ 5 p.m. in Billingsly Room 311.

Tioshpa will meet @ noon in Billingsly Room 311.

19 A non-traditional student meeting will held @ noon in Billingsly Room 314.

LDSSA will meet @ noon in Billingsly Room 306.

CCM will meet @ noon in Billingsly Room 311.

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Volleyball Lady Lions prepare to take on 'top' MIAA team

BY ERIC SCOTT
Staff Writer

Lady Lions volleyball rallied on this season with the Harding University Invitational Sept. 6-7 and a match against Arkansas Technical College on Tuesday.

The team started the year with a 1-3 record at the Omaha Invitational, and its current record is 5-5. Since then, the Lady Lions have gone 4-2 with a victory over Drury on Sept. 4. At the Harding Invitational, Southern finished 2-2 with defeats to Henderson State and Harding University, and victories over Montevallo, Ala., and Southeastern Oklahoma.

"I think the team played very hard at the Harding Invitational," said Debbie Traywick, head coach. "A couple of the matches could have gone either way, but we're really looking for improvement right now. We've been really team oriented, and we've had a new player step up every match."

Tuesday's game saw Southern take on the 3-7 Arkansas Tech Golden Suns. Tech won the first game 30-27, but the College came back to win the next two games, 30-26 and 30-22. After winning two consecutive games, Southern dropped the fourth game, 22-30. The Lady Lions won the fifth and deciding game, 15-13, to take the match, 3-2.

Traywick said the biggest factors in the win were the outstanding play of junior setter Kim Mutert and the aggressive play of junior middle hitters Lindsey Mason and Jenny Ford.

"I think we played well in our win," said Marci Johnson, freshman outside hitter/setter. "Whenever we got down, we came right back and went on a streak."

Friday, the Lady Lions continue their conference schedule with a match against the 4-4 Truman State Bulldogs.

Traywick said the teams favored to be at the top of the conference this year are Truman State, Pittsburg State and Central Missouri State. But, she believes it all depends on what team can stay the most consistent.

"Going into Friday's game against Truman State, we are definitely the underdogs," Traywick said. "We still need a couple of days to prepare. If we serve the ball well and block aggressively, we can win."

Traywick said the key to this season will be for the team to be more consistent and stay aggressive.

She said the team is playing well on every aspect of the game but needs to stay in a rhythm.

"I think in the game of volleyball, things can go either way," Traywick said. "The conference title is really up for grabs."

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were dismissed to the dedication of the "Flag of Freedom" on the oval.

León spoke about the flag's dedication, and the Joplin High School ROTC raised the flag while John Magoffin, senior secondary education (biology) major, played "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

The Southern Concert Chorale followed with the "Star Spangled Banner."

As the flag was lowered to half-mast, Rusty Raymond, director of bands, and Aaron Scriven, senior music major, played "Taps." The memorial ended with the tolling of chimes.

Southern students said they were moved by the ceremonies.

"It was very nice," said Misty Bittick, sophomore elementary education major. "It was also kind of scary coming, just not knowing what could happen today."

She said the opportunity for students to gather helps them cope with the Sept. 11 tragedy. During the flag raising, Bittick said she was amazed at how quiet everyone was.

"It was as if the whole school was in prayer," she said.

Richard Lewis, junior computer information systems major, said the memorial helped him understand how New Yorkers must have felt a year ago. Originally from Indonesia, Lewis did not know the United States could be so patriotic.

"It's incredible that America has so many volunteers," he said. "I thought the attacks were just something on TV, but it turned so real for me."

The Sept. 11 ceremonies finished at 8:30 p.m. with a prayer service around the new flagpole.

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the representation of women in terrorism, intelligence conceptions and terrorist groups across nations. Pepper Guthrie, senior criminal justice major, said the definition of terrorism is vague.

"I've liked learning about exactly what terrorism is," she said. "But it's hard to pinpoint exactly what a terrorist act is."

As the class studies religion and terrorism this week, Spencer will incorporate studies of Sept. 11 into the course.

"It's role [Sept. 11] in this class will be representative of the trend in terrorism, particularly terrorism directed toward the U.S.," he said.

"Sept. 11 will really come into play with some of the changes in the laws in the U.S. We'll spend a good deal of time talking about how much more latitude, if any, law enforcement authorities ought to have based on the new threat of terrorism."

Spencer said he was surprised many students enrolled in his course believe law enforcement officials have been given too much leeway, particularly in detaining suspected terrorists at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without trial.

Some students taking International Terrorism worked as military prison guards at Guantanamo Bay and are now serving active duty at Ft. Benning, Ga.

One of those students, Eric Z. Wynn, sergeant E-5, said he spent about five months in Guantanamo Bay and was in direct contact with the detainees

"I think that if you asked most Americans, they wouldn't hesitate to drop a bomb in the middle of the detention facility and do away with all of the men being held there," Wynn said. "Unfortunately, to my knowledge, not all of the men being held there are terrorists."

Wynn works for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department while at home, and said the men being held at Guantanamo Bay, however, are treated fairly.

"The detainees at Guantanamo are treated with just as much respect and given just as much nutritional and medical care as the inmates at our county jail," he said.

In response to whether it is fair to detain the suspected terrorists without trial, Wynn said the military will not allow him to answer.

He did say, however, when making decisions, the U.S. government "has the interests of the American people at the top of their list of priorities."

Captain Monte Powell is also currently active in the military, but is able to take the class at Southern.

"I hope to learn terrorism and counter-terrorism techniques because it goes hand-in-hand with military operations," he said.

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She has not noticed many people discussing the issue.

"People are afraid to descend from the status quo, so they don't say anything," Frye said.

She attended the vigil because she also opposes violence against Iraq. Frye said Bush's plan to attack is a distraction from the real issue.

"He wasn't able to get Osama [Bin Laden], so he thinks this is the next best thing," she said. "Peace is the path we need to take."

The peace vigil closed with group songs.

The Blackwood's daughter, Tegan, played the guitar while attendees sang "Blowin' in the Wind" by Bob Dylan and "Let There Be Peace on Earth" by Sy Miller and Bill Jackson.

Following the songs, attendees lit candles and gathered around the Vietnam memorial in Central Park to remember those lost Sept. 11, 2001, and to promote peace.

"We've seen opposition to our ideas," Simpson said. "Does that mean you stop? No. Stick to what your heart tells you. Peace is a worthy goal."

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they said there was a high alert.

"I thought, 'New York is right over there.' I got freaked out a little bit, and I turned my eyes from CNN, and I see soldiers walking around outside. When you see it right in front on you, it really makes you look at the situation in a whole different light."

Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of political science, was entertaining house guests on Sept. 10.

St. Clair saw the World Trade Center attack on Sept. 11 from a personal point-of-view. Her daughter and son-in-law work as attorneys in New York City. In fact, her son-in-law's office was only a few blocks from the World Trade Center.

"I was listening to NPR (National Public Radio) and they said that a plane had crashed," she said. "I immediately ran to the phone and told him, 'The World Trade Center has been hit by a plane.' He said, 'That's what it is. I heard it and felt it.' I said to him, 'It's got to be terrorists.'"

St. Clair's son-in-law immediately left his office, where he saw the buildings fall. He declined comment for this story.

Dr. Jerry Williams, director of lifelong learning, said he was putting together a schedule for the spring semester on Sept. 10. Williams said he was watching television the next day, and did not immediately recognize the attacks as an act of terrorism.

"When I saw that second plane, I was just stunned," he said.

Williams said he takes life more seriously since Sept. 11.

"I'm more concerned with the events of the future, because I have a son-in-law who's in the military and another one who is at the age where, if it gets to be bad, could be called up," he said.

Williams said he is waiting to make his decision about business and personal airplane trips to be made in October.

"Flying is not as casual a decision as it used to be," he said. "I'm going to wait until after Sept. 11 has passed to see what the situation is.

"Life is never going to be the same."

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Joplin R-8 state funding at risk

BY T.J. GERLACH
Staff Writer

After the recent Missouri Assessment Program test results, Joplin R-8 discovered it achieved improvements in both the elementary and middle school levels.

Joplin High School, however, made little improvement over last year's scores. Because of this, JHS may possibly lose its accreditation.

Accreditation in the state of Missouri is earned by the number of student performance scores. These scores are based on MAP results and other student performance factors.

Out of 105 points possible, a district needs 75 points to be considered fully accredited.

These scores are in the process of being adjusted by the state.

"I think the total number of points will be probably 96 and 66," said Dr. Jim Simpson, superintendent of Joplin schools.

If a district loses its accreditation, the state gives the district two years to raise its score. If the school fails to comply, the state can take disciplinary action on the district and diplomas for its students may not be issued by the state.

"You've either got the numbers or you don't; it's all about student achievement," Simpson said.

Dr. Deborah J. Pulliam, head of Missouri Southern's department of teacher education, said students need to be evaluated on problem solving and thinking skills to test application of what they have learned.

"I think MAP testing should be only one of many measures of a district's performance," she said.

In order to keep accreditation, Joplin R-8 plans to strengthen the curriculum of those areas found to be weak. Also, any students who were below par for their grade will be identified and special tutoring will be provided.

"Truly, one-on-one tutoring is the most effective [method of teaching]," Simpson said.

One program developed to help with tutoring is Teaching Reading and Math to Every Kid.

TREK is a joint effort between Joplin schools and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers spend time after school Monday through Thursday with elementary students who need help with math and reading.

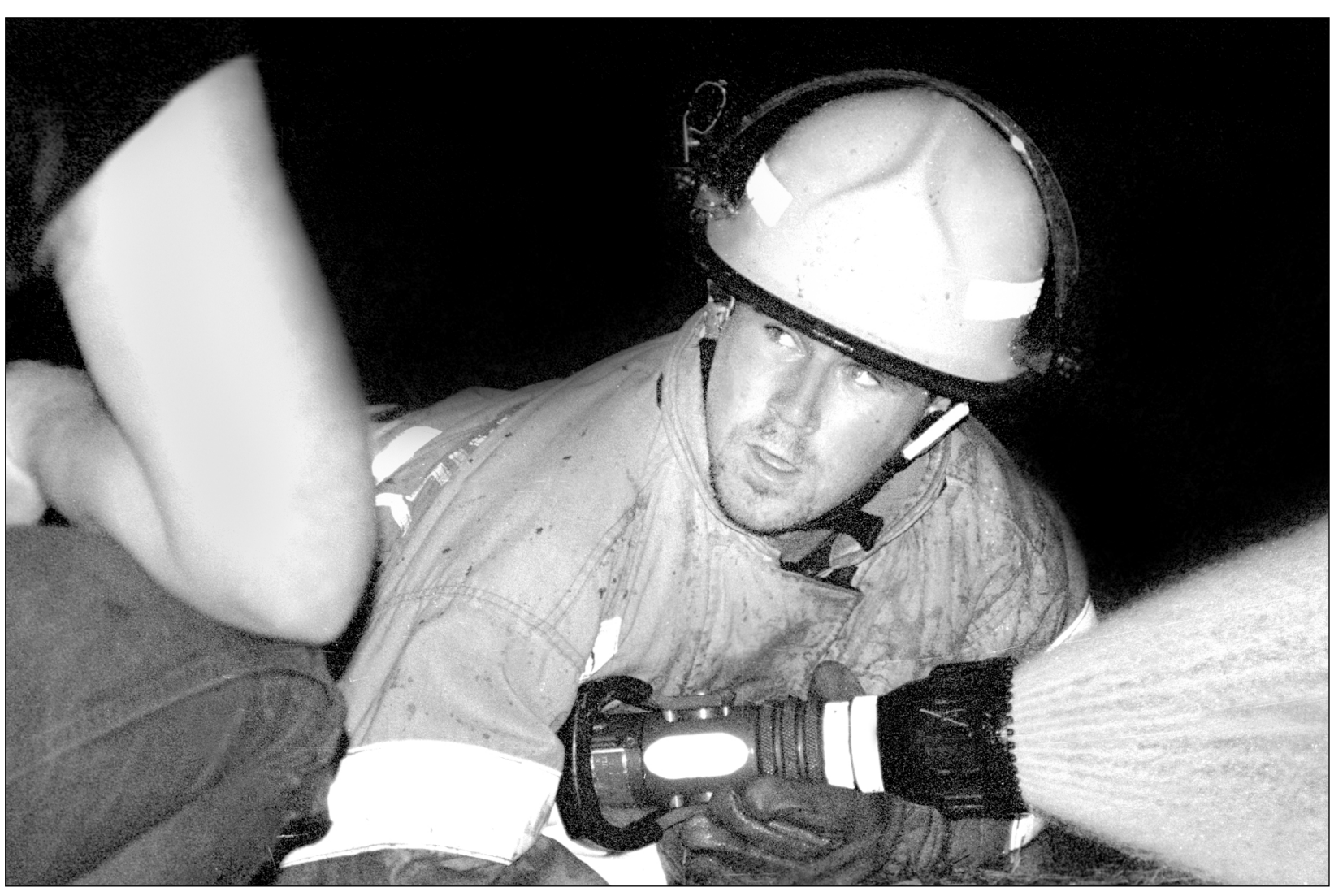
No changes were made to the curriculum this year. Curriculum is decided by the state and it remains constant for years.

Joplin R-8 plans on finding the areas of the curriculum where the teaching is being neglected. Programs will be created to emphasize these weak teaching areas.

"Emphasis this year is totally to maintain those gains that the elementary made," Simpson said. "Also, middle school will make some additional gains and high school will make the highest gains this year. They will push the hardest to make up for lost ground. That will be our focus."

Pulliam thinks the district is moving in the right direction.

"[The district's] improvement was just phenomenal," she said. "They're doing good things to improve instruction."



Josh Anderson of the Redings Mill Volunteer Fire Department commits every Tuesday night to fire training.

Tere Hogan/The Chart

Volunteer firefighters conquer flames for free

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
City Editor

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the term firefighter has taken on a new definition.

People saw firsthand the price these men and women pay for little or nothing in return. While firefighters in large cities receive paychecks for their duties, their rural counterparts may fight every fire and attend every call for little or no pay.

One has to wonder what drives and motivates these volunteer firefighters to work 24 hours a day, seven days a week at a high-risk job for no money; there has to be a catch.

Jared Delzell, sophomore criminal justice major, said there is none.

Delzell has been a volunteer firefighter in Carl Junction since 2000, his senior year of high school.

"I've just been around it my whole life, and I wanted to get into it and see what it's all about," he said.

Delzell said he not only fights fires, but tends to wrecks, domestic calls and medical assists.

"When you're going to a call, the stress level is high because you don't know what you're walking into," he said. "You don't talk to the person making the 911 call; so all the information you get is second hand.

"You don't know if you have a routine medical call, or if the person is suicidal and is going to come after you with a gun, and that happens more than you'd think."

He said another problem is the high levels of methamphetamine production in the area.

"A lot of the fires are meth related," Delzell said. "If you hit a certain chemical with water, it could explode and kill you."

He and his co-workers have come close to disaster several times.

"We've had numerous close calls," Delzell said.

"You just have to do what you're trained to do. Sometimes you get a little careless, and it puts things back into perspective.

"We almost got hit by a semi at a high rate of speed once when we were pulling out of our station going to a fire. We've been chased out by machetes."

He said he has had knives thrown at him, and has been threatened with guns.

"It's not like you see on the news where this stuff just happens every once in a while," Delzell said. "There's stuff out there that happens on a daily basis."

He said people get defensive when firefighters go into their homes.

Delzell said his job is to secure the scene of a domestic dispute until the police arrive.

"In a rural area like this, the sheriff's department could be coming all the way from Carthage," Delzell said. "If you're walking into someone's home and they don't want you there, they're going to get defensive about it."

Despite all the hazards involved, he said he'll continue to be a firefighter after he graduates from college.

Scott Skoglund, resident firefighter at Carl Junction, said he likes to help people.

"It's about mind set," he said. "We see stuff that no one else should have to see."

Delzell said it's frustrating at times when the public doesn't cooperate with his department.

"They (the public) have no regard for emergency vehicles," he said. "But, grateful or not, it's still a reward knowing you're helping somebody."

Skoglund said he has noticed an increase in the respect given to the fire department since Sept. 11.

Besides helping people, Delzell believes he receives many things from being a volunteer firefighter.

"You get the training; you get the experience with the public," he said.

"When I moved in [to the firehouse], I was crazy. Being a firefighter has opened me up to reality."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

'No Child Left Behind' aiding public schools

The "No Child Left Behind Act" brought $3.5 million in new federal education aid to southwest Missouri public schools for the 2002-2003 school year.

The legislation, which requires more testing to ensure students reach high levels of competency in reading and more accountability in meeting those goals, also contains Title I funding to assist the nation's low-income and disadvantaged students, said Congressman Roy Blunt.

The largest dollar increases in Title I funding went to the district's largest urban schools. Joplin public schools were granted a 22.34 percent ($312,000) increase. Springfield public schools received a 27.45 percent ($1.035 million) increase.

Terrorist attack loans give aid to businesses

Small business owners who suffered substantial economic injury as a direct result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks or a federal action taken in response to the attacks have until Sept. 30 to apply for a U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan.

EIDLs provide eligible small businesses with the working capital needed to pay ordinary and necessary operating expenses they can't cover because of the disaster, said a press release from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

For an online application and instructions on how to complete it, individuals may access the SBA Web site at www.sba.gov/disaster/eidl.html .

Joplin hospital to host menopause meeting

St. John's Regional Medical Center will host a Prime Plus/Red Hot Mamas meeting at 7 p.m. Monday inside the main entrance of the Northpark Mall.

Teri Steele, JC Penney women's department manager, will discuss fashion camouflaging the bad and emphasizing the good.

Prime Plus/Red Hot Mamas' purpose is to educate women about the physical and emotional aspects of menopause. For more information, persons may call 625-2000 or 800-638-7081.

Free depression tests scheduled for Sept. 17

St. John's Regional Medical Center is hosting a free depression screening Tuesday.

The event will be a chance for people to learn about the signs and symptoms of depression. The screenings will be given by appointment only.

To make an appointment, persons may call 625-2312 or 888-339-4375.

'Missouree' voted as correct etiquette

The majority of voters who participated in a mock election at the Missouri State Fair chose "Missouree" as the proper pronunciation of the state in preference to "Missourah."

More than 5,300 Missourians voted in the mock election conducted by Secretary of State Matt Blunt. He said the election gave people the opportunity to learn about the diverse services the secretary of state's office provides.

Missouri newspapers recycle less in 2001

Missouri newspapers have reported a decline in their 2001 efforts to use recycled paper.

The statewide average use of recycled newsprint by the state's newspapers is 34 percent; this is down from an average of 43 percent reported in 2000 and 1999 by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

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Commemorating the day

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Members of the United States Marines salute the flag.

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Students and community members gather around the new flag pole on the oval in front of Billingsly Student Center. The 20 by 38-foot flag was raised to the top of the 100-foot pole, then lowered to half staff during the Wednesday morning memorial ceremony.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Students and community members had the chance to express their feelings related to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks by writing on boards provided by the school. The boards were placed in various places through out the campus.

On Sept. 11, Missouri Southern permanently marked the day Americans experienced the worst terrorist attack in the country's history. Through the dedication of the "Flag of Freedom," the College mourned those who lost their lives and celebrated the heroes who risked their lives to save others. College President Julio León called the day "a time of remembrance, of celebration of the American spirit."

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

The Southern Exposure choir sings "Let the River Run" during the Wednesday, Sept. 11 Memorial Service in Taylor Auditorium. The Missouri Southern Concert Choral also performed.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Members of the Joplin High School ROTC stand in formation as the flag is raised for the first time during Wednesday's memorial.

Chances on goal yield low scoring

BY KRISTEN SMITH
Staff Writer

Men's soccer continued Sept. 7 and 8 as the team traveled to the University of Missouri-Rolla to play Northern Kentucky and St. Joseph's College.

The team lost to Northern Kentucky 1-2 and defeated St. Joseph's College 3-0.

"We should have won the first game, but we just couldn't score," said J.P. West, freshman from Broken Arrow, Okla.

Geoff VanDeusen, head coach, is now in his fourth season at Missouri Southern and would like to see the team improve in finishing off their shots.

"We created about 50 chances on goal this past weekend and came up with only four goals," VanDeusen said.

Southern welcomes eight new freshmen to the team this season.

"A lot of the freshmen are showing what they can bring to the team," said Patrick Hill, freshman business marketing major.

VanDeusen said five of the new players are getting significant playing time. Ian Jajko, in his first time playing college-level soccer, had the opportunity to play a total of 25 minutes in last weekend's game.

"I think we are getting used to the new system and getting better with the new system," Jajko said.

The "new system" consists of repositioning the players on the field compared to the formation was used by VanDeusen last season. The positioning from last year put players in the 4-4-2 formation, listed from back to front as defenders, midfielders and forwards. Now VanDeusen uses the 4-3-3 formation by placing four defenders in back and three midfielders and three forwards up front.

"We have a huge advantage in being a young team, and we have a lot of potential," West said.

More than half of the team is made up of freshmen and sophomore players.

"We need student support," said Bach Zalewski, freshman marketing major.

A home game against University of Indianapolis is set for 7 p.m. Friday. The Lions play another home game at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 when they face the University of Central Arkansas.

"We have always been competitive," VanDeusen said. "Now I would like to see us win a lot of those games that are close."

Lions focus eyes toward next target

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

After rolling over Greenville College, the Missouri Southern Lions have set their sights on the Redmen of Northeastern State.

While referring to the Redmen, Bill Cooke, head football coach, said that "they're big, nasty, strong and mean." NSU has already played two games and won both.

The last time the two teams met, Southern defeated NSU by shut out of 24-0, although the game was called at the half because of lightning.

Cooke said it is going to be a real physical game, because NSU has real grass and the Lions play on artificial turf.

He said they had to adjust by practicing on grass, and by breaking out their shoes made for playing on grass.

Rob Green, assistant football coach, said a shutout like the Sept.7 game is going to be a confidence builder. If the team maintains its enthusiasm, the Lions can take on NSU.

Green said they must respect their opponent

"It's going to be a war, but it's going to be fun," said Brandon Hill, junior tight end.

Hill said some of the players he knew from NEO are going to NSU. They call each other up and have "friendly" conversations.

Hill said they tell each other their team is going to win, but in a friendly manner.

Kokaine Mothershed, junior safety, said it is always good to have a defense that works good and will carry over into the next game. Tim Pherigo, junior right guard, said the team has a chance to turn around this year with the defense looking good. Cooke said the best player for a team is the backup quarterback.

"This would give us a quality win and give us the momentum going into SBU," Cooke said.

Cooke said Southern has beaten the Redmen more times than they have beaten the Lions, but Southern still has to respect NSU.

The Lions take on NSU at 7 p.m. Saturday in Tahlequah.

The next home game kicks off at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 against Southwest Baptist.

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Junior running back Johnny Bizzell attempts to run the ball for a touchdown against Greenville. The Lions shut out Greenville 63-0 on Sept. 7 at Hughes Stadium.

Soccer Lady Lions' strength lies in goal scoring

BY KRISTEN SMITH
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Starting its season off on Aug. 31 at Central Missouri State University, the Lady Lions soccer team beat Minnesota-Moorehead, 4-1.

Defeating the University of South Dakota on the following Sunday gave the women a strong start in a tough season. Practicing eight to 10 hours a week while playing two to three games each week keeps the team busy and focused on winning.

Mike Lawrence, strength training coach, leads the women in weight training once a week during the season.

"He pushes us to our limits," said Terressa Kusick, freshman, "which is good."

Three new recruits joined the team this year, bringing total players to 23. These newcomers include Jenni Johnson from Milton, Wisc.; Kusick from Jefferson City; and Paula Towne from Manhattan, Kan.

"Our team is going to do really well together this season because we get along very well, and our strengths are not just in one person," said Libby Negus, sophomore. "We just seem to jell."

Kusick agreed and said the team is coming together on the field.

"It takes a lot of getting used to, and it's a big change from high school into college ball," Kusick said.

Geoff VanDeusen, head coach, sees goal scoring as a strength for the team this year.

"We possess the ball very well, and our team chemistry is at an all-time high," VanDeusen said.

Sept. 10, the team beat the University of Central Arkansas, 2-1.

"We struggled during the first part of the game, and it wasn't our best game, but everyone showed a lot of heart and we pulled out a win," said Sarah Sneed, sophomore midfielder.

The women travel to Omaha Friday to take on North Dakota State and the University of Nebraska.

One of the major goals for the season is to win the conference and go on to the national conference.

"If we believe, we can do it," VanDeusen said.

Runners working on closing 'pack' gap

BY TRACY HAMILTON
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Competing against two Division I schools is an expected criteria for the Missouri Southern's men's cross country team.

The men's cross country team traveled to Fayetteville, Ark., to compete against the University of Arkansas and the University of Tulsa on Sept.7 in a 4.1-mile race. The Lions performed well, with their top five runners being in the top 19 of the race and with a "pack" time of 54 seconds.

A "pack" time is the amount of time between the team's top and bottom runners. The team's goal is to have a "pack" time of 35 seconds, which it is working on to close the gap.

"We need to stay together and close the gap," said Tom Rutledge, head coach.

"They will gradually learn to not be left behind."

Some definite factors contributing to the successful race included the display of leadership shown by upperclassmen.

Since the upperclassmen were familiar with the course, they made it easier for the newcomers to adapt.

Rutledge expects his runners to show experience to help mold the others.

"The upperclassmen are trained to constantly show experience and leadership," he said.

Running with confidence helped set the tone for the team.

It has trained hard and knew it needed to start and finish well in order to improve for the season.

The first meet helped with the teams' ability to know what things it wanted to work on and how attainable its goals are.

"This race always helps with knowing where we need to be, and each race is beneficial," said Larry Boswell, senior criminal justice major and the team's top finisher in the race.

"We had good competition today to help us with that."

With one race conquered, the coach and team are highly anticipating their season.

Their goals remain the same and will continue to train hard.

With two runners returning, the team is confident the season will only continue to strengthen.

The men's team competes again on Saturday, Sept. 21 for the Sports World Missouri Southern Stampede.

Tracy Hamilton/The Chart

Michael Dorsey brings in the pack after a one-mile run.

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Juniors Rachel Patterson and Mary Garrett warm up before the competition on Sept. 7. The next meet for the Lady Lions cross country team is Sept. 21 at home.

Women's cross country team proves it possesses talent, determination

BY TRACY HAMILTON
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The women's cross country team traveled to the University of Arkansas Invitational and exceeded expectations for the runners and their coaches.

The women ran a 5k, 3.1 miles, and finished well. Almost half of the runners set personal records and finished hard.

Ashley Caffey finished eighth; Jen Noelken, 15th; Erin Click, 16th; Mary Garret, 18th; Rachel Patterson, 20th; and Jessica Deatrick, 24th.

Competing against two Division I schools was not an easy task, but the women proved to their coaches and each other they have the talent and determination to run with more competitive schools. The first meet was a test for the team to evaluate its strengths and work on weaknesses. The coaches set achievable goals for the women, but the women demonstrated they wanted to exceed their expectations. Only six women from Southern competed, and the coaches wanted the runners to focus on staying in a pack. The goal for the team is to maintain a one minute or less "pack" time between their runners.

The returners created a relaxed atmosphere, making the two freshmen feel at ease before the meet. The coaches wanted the runners to do well, and wanted the freshmen to become accustomed to what is ahead of them. The coaches were unable to have a time trial for the team, but still thought the women executed.

"The overall team did very well," said Jamie Burnham, assistant coach. "The girls did as good, if not better, than we had hoped, and the freshmen are definitely learning a lot."

All of the hard work was a major factor in the team's success.

"It's awesome to see every week; each week is more significant than the last," said Ashley Caffey, sophomore undecided major. "Every single workout has improved and become more intense."

The team trains by running nearly 50 miles each week. Each morning and evening include intense workouts.

"We have great workouts, day in and day out, helping us to get better each time," said Patty Vavra, head coach.

The Lady Lions compete again on Sept. 21 in the Sports World Southern Stampede at Southern.

9/11 In Remembrance

On Sept. 12, 2001, Ward H. Bryant, assistant professor of communications, asked students in his Broadcasting News Reporting class to put their emotions on paper following the attacks of Sept. 11. "We tend to forget, even a year later, just how much this meant to our country," Bryant said. "I wanted the students to give an emotional response." These statements from some of the students reveal the varying emotions of people all across the country in the days following the attacks.

"I was very angry and sad for the people inside the buildings and planes and for their families. Then the Pentagon was attacked, and I felt very strange.

The only war I've lived through is the Gulf War, which was fought on foreign soil. It's a very frightening feeling when you're being attacked at home; the reality of what's going on has a much greater impact.

Cameron Bohannon

"They have asked people to donate blood, and they have asked any available nearby physicians to come and help with all the injuries. They aren't letting any planes off of the ground, and they are making the security tighter at the airports. This promotes a feeling of safety for me. I think that they are doing all they can."

Natosha Rogers

"First of all, I thought of all the people killed. Then I thought of the friends and family, and what something like this does to them.

I do not always feel safe...In addressing the situation, it sounds like he [President Bush] might suggest war. Just from the things I heard, I think he will take whatever steps are necessary. This frightens me some. While we have bigger militaries than ever, you can never be sure.

Vince Sweeney

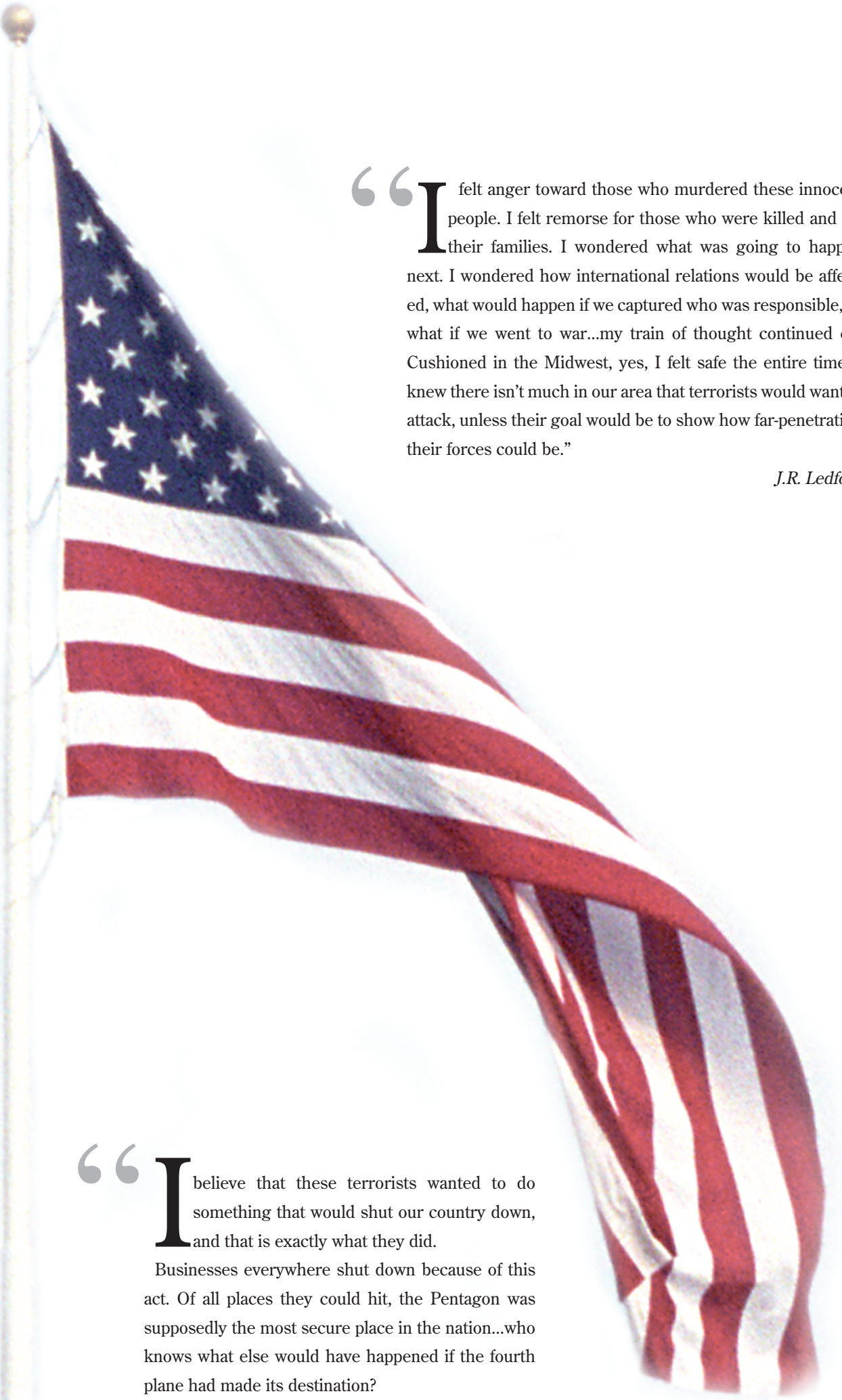
"The images have burned their way into my memory, and the lives of any American from this day forward. I have found myself full of sorrow, anger, emotionally tired and thankful for the life I still have.

I believe the U.S. leaders have done a good job but must now open their eyes to see that although a military powerhouse, there are still others that are willing to sacrifice themselves to achieve their goals, and this can cause great harm to us."

Grant Deardorff

"Confirmation came and then anguish set in. I feel for all the victims and their last minutes of life, I grieve with all the families over the loss of their loved ones on the planes, and I wait in horror and anguish with all the friends and families of the people who are unaccounted for in this tragedy...It needs to be reiterated that we are a strong, united, economically sound, military sound country and this act will not be tolerated in any manner."

Erica M. Belitz



"I felt anger toward those who murdered these innocent people. I felt remorse for those who were killed and for their families. I wondered what was going to happen next. I wondered how international relations would be affected, what would happen if we captured who was responsible, or what if we went to war...my train of thought continued on. Cushioned in the Midwest, yes, I felt safe the entire time. I knew there isn't much in our area that terrorists would want to attack, unless their goal would be to show how far-penetrating their forces could be."

J.R. Ledford

"I believe that these terrorists wanted to do something that would shut our country down, and that is exactly what they did.

Businesses everywhere shut down because of this act. Of all places they could hit, the Pentagon was supposedly the most secure place in the nation...who knows what else would have happened if the fourth plane had made its destination?

Brian Harter

"I like everyone else in America, could not believe that something that horrible would ever happen, but it did... When the news showed some video from Palestine, my anger reached an ultimate high. In that video many people were smiling, yelling, cheering,and having a parade after they heard of the disaster. They burned our flag while we unburied our dead from the rubble...I don't want us to enter a war, but I just want the terrorists to know we won't take this sitting down."

Lori Burns